

RULES OF THE FEDERATED RACING PIGEON ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.

Submitted and Confirmed at Annual Meeting.

1. The name of the Association shall be the "Federated Racing Pigeon Association of New South Wales."

2. Racing Pigeon Association means any club or society formed or established for the promotion of the sport of Homing Pigeon Racing.

3. Federated means any Homing Society affiliated with the Federation in a manner hereinafter provided for. Delegates means members appointed by their respective clubs affiliated with the Federation.

4. The objects for which the Federation is established are:—

(a) The provision of a central organisation for Homing Societies established in New South Wales.

(b) The promotion and regulation of the sport of Homing Pigeon Racing.

(c) The protection and advancement of the interests of its members in all matters connected with the said sport.

(d) The establishment of a system of cheaper liberation, and reliable liberators to attend to the pigeons in transit, and at different race points.

(e) Any Homing Society or Club established in the State of New South Wales may apply to the Federated Racing Pigeon Association for admission to the Association. If no objection be received within fourteen days the Society applying shall be duly elected to the Association.

5. Only Metropolitan Clubs affiliated with the Association shall be eligible to compete in any races flown under the rules of the above Association.

6. All Clubs affiliated with the Association shall pay a fee of £1 (One Pound) per annum, payable at Annual Meeting or on admission.

(a) All individual members of Clubs shall pay to the Federated Racing Pigeon Association the sum of 2s. (Two Shillings) per annum, and respective Clubs shall be liable for same. All fees to be paid prior to commencement of racing.

7. Country Clubs affiliated with the Association shall only be eligible to have the use of liberators for race points up to and including 520 miles from Sydney, unless where application is otherwise made.

8. The Federated Racing Pigeon Association shall be governed by a Council consisting of two delegates from each of the Metropolitan Societies affiliated, and by whom shall be elected the officers of the Federated Racing Pigeon Association, viz., President, Treasurer, General Secretary, and Assistant Secretary. The President shall not be a delegate, but must be a member of an Affiliated Club; and it shall not be necessary for Secretaries, Treasurer or Auditors to be delegates.

9. The General Meetings of the Federated Racing Pigeon Association shall be held every Wednesday night unless otherwise decided by Association.

(a) All meetings to be held in the Sydney Homing Pigeon Society's rooms, unless otherwise decided by the Association.

(b) A Special Meeting of the Federated Racing Pigeon Association may be convened at any time by the General Secretary, or in his absence the Assistant Secretary.

tary, or by requisition to the Secretaries, duly signed by not less than five delegates appointed to the Federated Racing Pigeon Association, and at such meeting the matters specified in the requisition shall be discussed only. Five delegates to form a quorum.

(c) Seven delegates to form a quorum at a General Meeting.

10. The Annual Meeting shall be held as early as possible in each year for the receipt of the Annual Report and Balance-sheet, the Election of Officers, and the transaction of any such business as may affect the interests of the Association.

11. The General Secretary to attend all meetings of the Association, and receive all moneys, which he shall hand to the Treasurer at the close of each meeting, make provision for all races, etc., and attend to all business of the Association.

Assistant Secretary to assist General Secretary.

12. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Secretary, and give receipt for same, and shall pay no money except on an order signed by Secretary and Chairman.

(a) He shall also bank all moneys received, in the name of the Secretary and Treasurer.

13. Two Auditors shall be elected each year.

(a) Their duty shall be to audit all accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and Secretary, and report upon same.

14. In event of President being absent, Chairman to be elected from delegates present to act for that meeting.

15. No Club shall be admitted to the Federated Racing Pigeon Association who has amongst its flying members any per-

ated next day, weather permitting, or as the Association may direct.

5. All birds must be property of the person or persons in whose name they are entered. All winners of prizes to be shown alive if required. Any competitor, on application to the Federated Racing Pigeon Association shall have the right of tossing winners of prizes within 100 yards of the loft of those who claim them so as to satisfy himself that they are his or their bona-fide property.

Any competitor not complying with this rule shall be disqualified.

The Committee may refuse the entry of any bird.

6. Any person or persons carrying on any fraudulent practices shall be expelled from the Federated Racing Pigeon Association for a period named by the Association, and may be prosecuted.

(a) Any Club disqualifying a member must report same to the Federated Racing Pigeon Association within 7 days.

(b) Any member who has been disqualified has the right of appeal to a Committee appointed by the Federated Racing Pigeon Association, and decision of such Committee shall be final.

(c) A deposit of One Pound (£1) shall be lodged with appeal within 7 days of disqualification, and if appeal is deemed frivolous, same shall be forfeited to the Federated Racing Pigeon Association.

7. All birds homing from races must carry a rubber race ring, to be placed in drawer of clock specially made for timing homing pigeon races, and number or numbers on such ring must correspond with duplicate tab.

Only top action clocks to be used, and must be approved by the Federated Racing Pigeon Association.

Each competitor's clock shall be sealed and signed by a committee appointed by the Federated Racing Pigeon Association. All clocks must be returned for checking at a place appointed by the Federated Racing Pigeon Association intact as issued, and not started if birds do not home in specified time.

(a) During progress of a race all clocks shall be returned to a place appointed by the Association for the checking of clocks within one hour, or be disqualified.

Should any members deem the time allotted insufficient they may have their case investigated by a Committee appointed by the Federated Racing Pigeon Association and permission granted accordingly.

(c) Competitors' clocks must be in Secretaries' hands for examination two weeks before date of first race of season, and no clock shall be allowed in competition unless same has been approved by clock inspectors.

8. In event of any competitor's clock stopping, the competitor shall have the right of having another clock started at his or their club rooms, and such time as registered by the stopped clock to be allowed, providing that at least two committeemen are present when the ring is taken out of the stopped clock.

(a) In event of a clock stopping in the official places of timing in, it will not be necessary to take the ring out of the stopped clock before starting another.

(b) Before timing in, should any competitor's clock start (through accident), be knocked off the swing, or ring receptacle be

NOTICE.

We have just received word that our A.R.P. RINGS are on the "Sonoma," so we will be in a position to post Rings to all those who have ordered them during the first week in June.

son who has been disqualified for fraudulent practices until such member has had disqualification cancelled by the Club who disqualified him.

RACING RULES.

1. The Association shall as soon as possible draw up a schedule of races.

2. All birds competing in the Association's races shall carry a rubber race ring, and an intact metal ring; such ring number must be put on clock, lest the competitor may be disqualified from the race in question. Race sheets to be used in all races.

3. Should a bird flying in a race under 100 miles not return on day of liberation no prize shall be awarded; over 100 miles and up to 285 miles, to be home before close of second day, or no prize shall be awarded; 285 miles and up to 525 miles, to be home before close of third day, or no prize shall be awarded; 525 miles and up to 750 miles, to be home before close of fourth day, or no prize shall be awarded. In event of no birds homing in the specified times, prize money to revert to the funds of the Association, excepting Morgan, Petersburg or Charleville.

(a) In this rule the word day shall mean a period of time extending from sixty minutes before sunrise to sixty minutes after sunset, the time of sunrise and sunset to be regarded as occurring when stated in the daily newspaper of the date when birds are liberated ("Sydney Morning Herald" preferred). The period of time between sixty minutes after sunset and sixty minutes before sunrise to be termed hours of darkness; hours of darkness to be omitted in the calculation of velocities. In the event of a bird being timed in during the hours of darkness, the official time of the bird's arrival shall be deemed to be exactly sixty minutes before sunrise.

4. Should birds go to the post and the weather be unfavourable for liberating on the day specified, the birds shall be liber-

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